

***New prospective students are assessed before the start of the courses in order to place them in class-groups at the correct level of French.***

Through lively and stimulating activities, children of primary school age build up a broad and lasting knowledge of the French language. Classes closely follow children's development and abilities. Our teachers are all native French speakers and experienced in working with children. Our communicative approach ensures that every child is given ample opportunity to actually speak French.

### **Class format**

Activities are varied and stimulating and include a range of fun activities suited to the various age groups, such as role-plays, mimes, songs, arts and crafts, board games and team projects. A variety of material is also used in class, such as pictures, audio and video tapes, CDs and DVDs. While vocabulary is important, we also aim to give children the communicative skills that will enable them to express themselves in French.

### **Class rules**

Despite the playful nature of our courses, certain rules need to be followed so that class-time is productive and enjoyable:

- Children should bring a special French copy and folder to class every week and also a pencil case with markers, crayons or colour pencils, a pencil, a rubber, a ruler, a pair of scissors and a stick of glue.
- Children should behave in a manner conducive to learning and be respectful to their teacher.

### **Permission Slip**

Please complete and return the form to the teacher during the first class. Download it here:  
[http://www.alliance-francaise.ie/Permission\\_Slip\\_Minors.pdf](http://www.alliance-francaise.ie/Permission_Slip_Minors.pdf)

### **Complimentary AF Membership**

Your child is automatically entitled to a complimentary one-year AF Individual Membership when registered for any French class (except workshops) at the Alliance Française Dublin. Don't forget to pick up your membership card from the **newly refurbished Médiathèque** (1st floor). As a member, your child will be entitled to special discounts on our workshops and events for children.

# General French

## Poussins (aged 5-6)

This course uses a multi-sensory approach to the French language, aiming to focus on the imagination through the exploration of French fairy tales. Songs, arts & crafts, and poetry are just a sample of the in-class activities. The teacher will make use of literary children's books from the collection "L'Ecole des Loisirs". In September, parents will also have the opportunity to sign up to L'Ecole des Loisirs in order to receive their own copies of the books used in class.

## Minimes (aged 7-9)

Zigzag is a new learning approach for children which will take them on a trip through the French-speaking world alongside Félix, the little reporter, his young friend Lila, Madame Bouba, the greedy granny, as well as Titou the wolf, Pic Pic the hedgehog and Pirouette the owl!

| <i>Level class</i>        | <i>Objectives – Your child will learn:</i>                                   | <i>Textbook</i> | <i>Curriculum</i> |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Minimes A1-1</b>       | How to introduce him/herself, to give his/her age. He/she will learn colours | Zig Zag 1       | Unit 1-2          |
| <b>Minimes A1-2</b>       | Numbers up to 20, farm animals and fruits and vegetables                     |                 | Unit 2-3          |
| <b>Minimes A1-3</b>       | Vocabulary about sport & clothes   |                 | Unit 4-5          |
| <b>Minimes A1-4</b>       | Parts of the body and how to talk about his/her family                       |                 | Unit 5-6          |
| <b>Minimes A1-5</b>       | How to describe somebody, the days of the week & numbers up to 60            | Zig Zag 2       | Unit 1-2          |
| <b>Minimes A1-6</b>       | Tell the time and the weather  |                 | Unit 2-3          |
| <b>Minimes A1-7</b>       | Talk about where he/she lives, numbers up to 100                             |                 | Unit 4-5          |
| <b>Level Minimes A1-8</b> | Follow a recipe and respond to an invitation                                 |                 | Unit 5-6          |

## Cadets (aged 10-12)

- Learn to understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases
- Introduce yourself and others, ask and answer questions about yourself such as where you live and about the people you know and your possessions
- Interact with others in a simple way

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|--------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Cadets A1-1</b> | Introducing yourself, saying what you like & dislike                                     | Adosphère<br>1  | Unit 1-2          |
| <b>Cadets A1-2</b> | Introducing your family, friends & hobbies<br>Describing somebody's clothes              |                 | Unit 3-4          |
| <b>Cadets A1-3</b> | Describing where you live<br>Talking about time and daily routine                        |                 | Unit 5-6          |
| <b>Cadets A1-4</b> | Sending a postcard on holidays, talking about your activities & expressing holiday plans |                 | Unit 7-8          |
| <b>Cadets A1-5</b> | Talking about school activities<br>Describing your home                                  | Adosphère<br>2  | Unit 1-2          |
| <b>Cadets A1-6</b> | Shopping<br>Talking about food   |                 | Unit 3-4          |

# Bilingual French

These courses are specially designed for children who already speak French and who have no problem interacting in French. The focus of these classes is on writing and reading French

## Le club des Petites Grenouilles (aged 5-6)

This class is open to children who already speak French

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## Poussins Bilingues (aged 7-9)

This class is open to children who already speak French

This programme focuses on the introduction of written French. Children will learn how to read and write through literary books adapted for their age group. The programme takes place over 2 years.

Books:

- Poussins Bilingues 1ère année:
  - Un Monde à lire, cahier-livre 1
  - 4 livres-albums : Album 1 - Kimamila le lutin, Album 2 - Le voyage de Luli, Album 3 - Pilou, le chien roux, Album 4 - Le Noël de Kimamila
- Poussins Bilingues 2ème année:
  - Un Monde à lire, cahier-livre 2
  - 4 livres-albums : Album 5 - Voyage dans le temps, Album 6 - Le petit roseau musicien, Album 7 - Planète Z-99 en vue !, Album 8 - Drôle de pêche !

## Minimes Bilingues (aged 7-9)

This class is open to children who already speak French & who can read and write in French

This programme focuses on expanding children's vocabulary and mastery of the language. While oral is still important, starting to work on written skills is essential.

Children will work all year long on projects in which they will practise their French. Different kinds of written materials will be studied such as comic strips, short stories, articles, novels, poetry, plays and so on.

Children will also be prepared for the DELF Prim' A1 exams.

## Cadets Bilingues (aged 10-12)

This class is open to children who already speak French & who can read and write in French

This programme focuses on expanding children's vocabulary and mastery of the language. While oral is still important, starting to work on written skills is essential.

Children will work all year long on projects in which they will practise their French. Different kinds of written materials will be studied such as comic-strips, short stories, articles, novels, poetry, plays and so on.

Children will also be prepared to the DELF Prim' A1/A2 exams.